

ordinary defaulters, or else the law consider that as his clients are in a great measure compelled to trust him they deserve to suffer for doing what they can't well avoid. The legal system of New South Wales, we contend, regards things with an upside-down eye; and when a workman, who has few opportunities for annexing other people's property, lays his hands with immense difficulty on a little loose coin, he is punished at least ten times as heavily as the solicitor who appropriates £1000 with facility and has abundant chances for doing the same thing again to-morrow, in spite of the empty farce so regularly enacted by the courts. For it is a well-known fact that the lawyer who is struck off the rolls seldom stops practising on that account, unless he is a much greater ass than lawyers generally are. He simply borrows some starving attorney and starts afresh in his name, and, despite all the power of healthy laughter, was, the witness in Sydney the horrible spectacle of a baker's cart, a mere youth, being sent to bed with felons in goal for a year and a half for embezzling 30 shillings paid him by those who had bought bread from his master.

SCOTTISH HUMOR.

Dr. David Pryde, head-master of the Edinburgh Ladies' College, gave a lecture recently in the Scottish metropolis on "Scottish Humor," or the power of healthy laughter, was, the lecturer remarked, one of the greatest blessings vouchsafed to man. It was

HOME-MADE SUNSHINE. Among the different kinds of humor that belonging to Scotland ranked very high. He proceeded to trace its frequent bluntness to the early struggles of Scotland, which made the Scot rough and ready—rough to withstand blows, and ready to return them. (Laughter.) Its matter-of-fact nature arose in a great measure from the struggle which the Scots had for bare existence. They were able to keep the land; but the land could scarcely keep them. (Laughter.) The people lived from hand to mouth—that was to say, when the hand had anything to carry to the mouth. (Laughter.) The pawkins of the Scot's humor was developed by the circumstances of his national history. There was something about a Scot which insured good luck. That something was

CANNINESS OR PAWKINESS which meant an unobtrusive selfishness—(laughter)—a looking after number one while apparently not neglecting number two or number three. (Laughter.) Another peculiarity of Scottish humor which the lecturer noticed was its bluntness. In Scotland had any characteristic higher than another it was bluntness. He was not demonstrative; yet he managed to indicate his feelings in a very gentle manner. Beneath his shaggy brows, there beamed a gentle light. Beneath his rough exterior there beat a warm heart. His very language, rough and harsh though it even was, became soft and musical, and lost itself in tender diminutives. In conclusion, he asked what should they say of

THOSE DEGENERATE SCOTS who were ashamed of Scottish habits, speech, education, and religion? They should, he replied, pay them back in their own coin. They should be ashamed of them, and dismiss them from their thoughts as profane subjects of contemplation. (Applause.)

The following are a few of the anecdotes—some of them well-known—told by Dr. Pryde in illustration of the characteristics indicated:—

BLUNTNESS. Lord Cockburn was talking with a shepherd on the north side of the Pentland Hills. He said to the shepherd, "I'm astonished now that your sheep stick to the north side of the hill. If I were a sheep I would prefer the south side."

"Deed, my Lord," the shepherd replied, "if I were a sheep you would have made sense."

The Rev. Hamilton Paul, minister of Broughton, was entering a dinner party. He was very anxious to begin his dinner. So he said grace in a low voice, and immediately began his work. One of the guests, who was somewhat deaf, said, "Mr. Paul, you haven't said grace."

"I did," "I didn't hear ye." "I wasna speaking to you."

MATTER OF FACT. A country doctor met one day the son of one of his patients. "Well, my lad," said the doctor, "how is your father this morning?"

"He's dead!" "Dead! Impossible. Was there any medical man beside him when he died?" "No; he was dead!"

In a number of London papers some years ago, there was a picture of a Highland country church, as seen on a Sunday morning. A visitor has come up to the open door; and finding the church empty, he says to the doorkeeper, "Has the congregation dispersed?" Doorkeeper, pointing—"Dispersed? Yes; yon's him."

"RELIGIOUS BIGOTRY." An old woman who had been tempted to go for one Sunday to an English chapel afterward said, "There's nae doubt that that kind o' whistles (the organ) is rale bonnie; but, eh me! it's an awfu' way o' spendin' the Sabbath day."—A good woman had reduced to two the number of those in her parish who should be saved. "I hear, Janet," said one of her neighbors, "that you think there's only you and the minister in the parish?" "Ah, weel," replied Janet, "to tell you the truth, I have my doubts about the minister."

ECCLIASTICAL. During the war with France a country minister had been thanking God for the signal victories gained by our soldiers and sailors. Two of his female hearers were talking about the subject on the way home. "Eh, Margaret," said one, "is it no remarkable that the British are 'as victorious?' "No; you see the British pray for victory; and their prayers are answered." "Oh, but, Margaret, the French pray tak' 'Oh, jabberin' prayers, who can understand them?"

Some men were out in an open boat during a terrific storm, and were expecting every moment to be swamped. "Can any o' ye offer up a prayer?" one of them asked. Silence. "Or sing a psalm?" Silence. "Or a hymn?" Silence. "Then," said the man, taking off his cap, "we maun dae something religious." We'll just make a collection.

DRAINING CUSTOMS. Some years ago a picture of one of the comic papers represented a servant girl giving an old workman a dram. He had taken a sip of it. While he screwed up his features he said, "It's strong. But dinna put any water in it; I'll just thole it."

A Highlander on his death-bed said to the minister, "Will there be any whisky in heaven?" "Oh, na, Donald; there will be na occasion for it." "Ah, weel, if there's na occasion, it would be awfu' decent to have it on the table."

PAWKINESS. An eccentric lady of very limited means fell upon a very ingenious plan of appearing to be richly hospitable. When anybody called she

took hold of the bell, and said, "No, my hand on the bell, just say what you want. My hand on the bell, my hand on the bell." Another lady, also of thrifty habits, had another way of keeping up her character for hospitality without any expense whatever. When visitors called upon her, she said, "Would you take a glass of wine; or would you rather not?"

KINDLINESS. A lady had recently lost her husband. One day she went with some relatives to visit his grave. Looking at a particular corner of the cemetery, she said "There ye are. There's Professor This, and there's his wife; and there's Dr. That, and there's my Jeanies—just the auld whist party, ye ken."

When coal gas came into general use for lighting houses and streets, an old woman was told that there would be no more whist used. "Nae mair oil!" she exclaimed, "then, what's to become o' the pair whistles?"

WHY HE DID NOT GO TO THE HOSPITAL.

HE COULD LEAP THROUGH THE AIR.

My object in writing is two-fold: to express my gratitude for a great benefit, and to tell a short story which cannot fail to interest the feelings of many others. It is all about myself, but I have remarked that when a man tells the honest truth about himself he is all the more likely to be of use to his fellow-creatures. To begin, then, you must know I had long been more or less subject to attacks of bronchitis, a complaint that you are aware is very common and troublesome in Great Britain in certain seasons of the year. Some months ago I had a very severe turn of it; worse, I think, than I ever had before. It was probably brought on by my catching cold, as we are all apt to do when we least expect it. Weeks passed by, and my trouble proved to be very obstinate. It would not yield to medicine, and as I also began to have violent racking pains in my limbs and back, I became greatly alarmed. I could neither eat nor sleep. If I had been a feeble, sickly man, I should have thought less strange of it; but, as the contrary, I was hearty and robust, I feared some new and terrible thing had got hold of me, which might make my strength of no avail against it. I say, that was the way I thought.

Presently I could not even lie down for the pain all over my body. I asked my doctor what his thought of my condition, and he frankly said, "I am sorry to have to tell you that you are getting worse!" This so frightened my friends, as well as myself, that they said "Thomas, you must go to the Hospital; it may be your only chance for life!"

But I didn't want to go to the hospital. Who does, when he thinks he can possibly get along without doing it; I am a labouring man, with a large family depending on me for support, and I might almost as well be in my grave as be laid on my back in a hospital, unable to lift a hand for months, or God only knows how long. Right at this point I had a thought flash across my mind like a streak of sunshine in a cloudy day. I had heard and read a good deal about Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, and I resolved before consenting to be taken to the hospital, I would try that well-known remedy. On this I gave up the doctor's medicine and began taking the Syrup. Mark the wonderful result! I had taken but three doses, within twenty-four hours, when I was seized with a fit of coughing, and threw up the phlegm and mucus of my chest by the mouthful. The Syrup had loosened and broken it up. Continuing with the Syrup, the racking pain, which I believe came from the bitter and poison humours in my blood and joints, soon left me entirely, and I felt like going to sleep, and I did sleep sound and quiet. Then I felt hungry, with a natural appetite, and as I ate I soon got strong and well.

I felt I could leap through the air with delight!

In a week I was able to go to my work again. It doesn't seem possible, yet it is true, and the neighbours know it. There are plenty of witnesses to prove it. And, therefore, when I say I preach the good news of the great power of Seigel's Syrup to cure pain and disease far and wide, nobody will wonder at me.

THOMAS CANNING.

75, Military-road, Canterbury, Kent.

Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup is for sale by all chemists and medicine vendors; and by the Proprietors, A. J. White, Limited, 35, Farringdon-road, London, E.C., England.—[Advt.]

To-day's Advertisements.

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

KOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

THE CHINA A. W. R. COBBAN, WILL BE DESPATCHED FOR THE ABOVE PORTS, ON MONDAY, the 24th inst., at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, 21st September, 1888. [935]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS. FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA. THE Steamship "GLAMORGANSHIRE," will be despatched for the above Ports, on THURSDAY, the 27th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 21st September, 1888. [937]

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE. THE Steamship "ABERDEEN," C. Taylor, Commander, will be despatched for the above Ports, on or about the 28th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 21st September, 1888. [939]

ROSE & CO. BEG to inform the Residents of Hongkong and Out Ports, as they have disposed of their Business to the HALL & HOLME CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY, and as they are leaving the colony at an early date, ALL ACCOUNTS owing to them are requested to be paid by the 1st of October next, and ALL CLAIMS against them to be sent in for collection at once.

ROSE & CO. Hongkong, 21st September, 1888. [939]

To-day's Advertisements.

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS OF THE AUSTIN ARMS HOTEL AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

INCORPORATED UNDER THE COMPANIES' ORDINANCES 1865 TO 1886 OF HONGKONG.

CAPITAL—£200,000. Divided into 4,000 Shares of £50 each, of which 600 are fully paid-up Shares and allotted, 2,400 have been applied for, and will be allotted, and the remaining 1,000 are offered to the Public and are payable as follows, viz:—

\$10 on application, \$10 on allotment, \$5 on the 31st December, 1888, and the remaining \$25 when and as the same shall from time to time be called up under the provisions contained in the Articles of Association of the Company.

DIRECTORS: J. D. HUMPHREYS, ESQ., D. NOWROJEE, ESQ., E. C. L. REUTER, ESQ., A. FINDLAY SMITH, ESQ., E. L. WOODIN, ESQ.

BANKERS. THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

ARCHITECTS. MESSRS. DANBY & LEIGH.

SOLICITORS. MESSRS. WOTTON & DEACON.

THE COMPANY has been formed for the purpose of purchasing from the Vendors the site of the AUSTIN ARMS at VICTORIA PEAK, Hongkong, Farm Lot No. 54, for the sum of \$50,000 (of which the Vendors agreed to take \$20,000 in fully paid-up Shares in the Company) and erecting thereon and keeping a large FIRST-CLASS RESIDENTIAL HOTEL, and also of purchasing from the Vendor, certain other pieces of ground at the Peak, registered as the remaining portion of Rural Building Lot No. 18 and Rural Building Lot No. 60, for the sum of \$50,000 (of which the Vendors agreed to take \$10,000 in fully paid-up Shares of the Company) and erecting thereon and letting a terrace of 11 Houses.

The Share Capital required for the above objects is \$200,000, to be raised by the issue of 4,000 shares of £50 each, of which 600 shares, fully paid up, will be allotted and issued to the Vendors in pursuance of an Agreement dated the 18th September, 1888, hereinafter mentioned, by which the Vendors agreed to sell the said Farm Lot No. 54 to the Company at the price of \$50,000, and to accept payment of \$20,000 portion thereof in 400 fully paid-up shares of the Company, and an agreement dated the 18th September, 1888, hereinafter mentioned, by which the Vendor agreed to sell the said Remaining Portion of Rural Building Lot No. 18 and Rural Building Lot No. 60 to the Company at the price of \$50,000 and to accept payment of \$10,000 portion thereof in 200 fully paid-up shares of the Company. A further 2,400 shares have been applied for and will be allotted, and the remaining 1,000 shares are offered to the Public and will be allotted and issued as the Directors of the Company shall determine and shall be paid for as follows:—\$10 on application, \$10 on allotment, \$5 on the 31st December, 1888, and the remaining \$25 when and as the same shall from time to time be called up under the provisions of the Articles of the Company.

The site of the "AUSTIN ARMS" contains 34,516 superficial square feet and is within 5 minutes walk of the Terminus of the Peak Tramway. The Hotel proposed to be erected will contain upwards of 50 Rooms, including a large Public Dining Hall, Private Dining Room, Drawing Room, Morning Room, Billiard and Smoking Rooms and Bar, and Bed Rooms, and will occupy half only of Farm Lot No. 54, thus leaving the other half for future extensions. The terrace proposed to be built on the Remaining Portion of Rural Building Lot No. 18 and Rural Building Lot No. 60, the site of which will be levelled and prepared ready for building by and at the expense of the Vendor, will command a view, on the North Side, of the Harbour of Hongkong, and on the South Side, of Pokfulam, and will consist of 2 houses of six rooms each and 9 houses of 5 rooms each, with suitable out-offices. The site contains an area of 84,447 superficial square feet and is within 5 minutes walk of the Terminus of the Peak Tramway, and the houses can be let at such moderate rents as to readily secure tenants. The Architects of the Company estimate that the Hotel can be built and completely furnished at the cost of \$80,000, and the 11 terrace houses can be built and finished ready for occupation for the further sum of \$80,000.

An arrangement has been made with Mr. DORABJEE NOWROJEE for the management of the Hotel. Two agreements only have been entered into and are respectively dated the 18th day of September, 1888. Copies of these Agreements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, and the prospectus, can all be seen at the office of Messrs WOTTON & DEACON, the Solicitors of the Company, at 35, Queen's Road, Hongkong. Applications for shares, which will be received until the 6th October next, must be made on a form which can be obtained at 35, Queen's Road, Hongkong, or the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and must be forwarded to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and the amount payable on application must be deposited with them. If no allotment is made the deposit will be returned, without any deduction but without any interest, and the number of shares allotted is less than the number applied for, the surplus will be credited in reduction of the amount payable on allotment, and any excess returned. Hongkong, 21st September, 1888. [938]

AN APPEAL. THE SUPERIORES OF THE ITALIAN CONVENT, Caine Road, begs most respectfully

APPEAL to the residents of Hongkong and the Coast Ports for their kind Patronage and Support. At present, owing to the daily increasing number of the Orphans, foundling Children, and destitute Women, who already exceed FIVE HUNDRED, the Superiores finds herself in pressing need of further assistance. She has no fund at her disposal, the whole of the means available being earned by laborious needle-work. The Superiores therefore desires to state that she will be pleased to receive Orders for Gentlemen's Shirts and Pyjamas, Ladies' Under-clothing, and Children's Dresses, and Under-clothing, Embroidery in any Form, and in Gold, Silk, Wool, or Cotton, also Regimental Embroidery.

Materials supplied if required, and Persons living at a distance can send Orders by Letter. As the Terms are very moderate the Superiores hopes to receive and merit a large share of Public Patronage. Hongkong, 19th September, 1888. [931]

To-day's Advertisements.

MR LAWRENCE, OF LAWRENCE AND MAYO, leaves for Shanghai on TUESDAY, the 25th instant, and on his return journey in February next will remain in Hongkong for a few days.

Hongkong, 21st September, 1888. [732]

Amusements.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING for the purpose of receiving the Committee's Report for the past season and electing the Committee and Officers for the coming season, will be held in the PAVILION TO-MORROW, the 22nd Sept., 1888, at 5 P.M.

After the above Meeting an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing a Resolution in connection with Rule No. 14 of the Club Rules. This Resolution has been duly circulated amongst the Members.

ARTHUR K. TRAVERS, Hon. Secretary, Hongkong, 17th September, 1888. [923]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the undersigned, TO-MORROW, the 22nd instant, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st June, 1888.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 22nd September, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, 10th September, 1888. [892]

THE STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Steam Dispatch Launch "BONNIE," is now lying off Pedder's Wharf for Hire.

For terms apply to THE COMPANY'S OFFICE, 1, Pedder's Street, Hongkong, 12th September, 1888. [899]

FOR HIRE.

THE Fast Steam Launch "ELK" is always kept under steam off Pedder's Wharf and is at the service of the public for proceeding to and from Steamers, Picnic and Bathing Parties, etc.

For particulars, apply to CRUICKSHANK & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, 17th August, 1888. [801]

HONGKONG HOTEL.

THE HOTEL is prepared to SUPPLY Picnic and Shooting Parties with all requirements. The Hotel Launch is Available for HIRE when not required for Hotel purposes.

Apply to C. M. ROBERT, Manager, Hongkong, 15th September, 1888. [915]

THE STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED.

LAUNCHES always on hand for—PICNIC, TOWING, BATHING, PRIVATE PARTIES, &c., &c.

For Terms, apply to Co.'s Office:—CORNER OF PEDDER'S STREET AND PRAYA. 1888. WINTER TIME TABLE. 1888.

THE STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED.

KOWLOON FERRY.

THE COMMODOUS FERRY LAUNCH "PIONEER,"

Will, from the 1st September, 1888, run daily as a Ferry Boat between Pedder's Wharf and Kowloon Point at the following hours.

TIME TABLE.

LEAVES KOWLOON LEAVES HONGKONG

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Commercial.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—152 per cent. premium, sellers.
 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$90 per share, sellers.
 China Traders' Insurance Company—\$68 per share, sellers.
 North China Insurance—Tls. 285 per share, buyers.
 Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$97 per share, buyers.
 Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 90 per share, buyers.
 Chinese Insurance Company—\$175 per share, buyers.
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150, per share.
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$342 per share, sellers.
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$76 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, 35 per cent. premium, sellers.
 Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$220 per share, sellers.
 China and Manila Steam Ship Company—120 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Gas Company—\$135 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Hotel Company—\$175 per share, sellers.
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—100 per cent. dis., sellers.
 Douglas Steamship Company—\$59 per share, sellers.
 China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$186 per share, sellers.
 Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$72 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong Ice Company—\$70 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$50 per share.
 Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$13 per share, sellers.
 A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—100 per cent. premium, sellers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 A—2 per cent. premium.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—3 per cent. premium.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—11 per cent. premium.
 Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$78 per share, buyers.
 Peng Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$5 per share nominal.
 Panjom and Sunghie Dai Samantan Mining Co.—\$13 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—64 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Tongkoo Coal Mining Co.—60 per cent. premium, sellers.
 The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—325 per cent. premium, sellers.
 The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited—\$42 per share, buyers.
 Cruickshank & Co., Ltd.—\$55 per share, buyers.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. 3/11
 Bank Bills, on demand 3/11
 Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/11
 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/11
 Credits at 4 months' sight 3/11
 Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/11

ON PARIS.—Bank, T. T. 3/11
 Bank Bills, on demand 3/11
 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/11
 On India, T. T. 2231
 On Demand 2231

ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, T. T. 721
 Private, 30 days' sight 721

OPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA, per picul. \$550
 (Allowance, Tael 32 to 64).
 OLD MALWA, per picul. \$550
 (Allowance, Tael 32 to 64).
 NEW PATNA, (without choice) per chest \$498 1/2
 \$501 1/2
 NEW PATNA, (bottom) per chest \$512 1/2
 OLD PATNA, (without choice) per chest \$505
 \$493 1/2
 NEW BENARES, (without choice) per chest \$493 1/2
 \$491 1/2
 NEW BENARES, (bottom) per chest \$491 1/2
 \$496 1/2
 OLD PERSIAN (best quality) per picul. \$540
 OLD PERSIAN (best quality) per picul. \$500
 OLD PERSIAN (second quality) per picul. \$550
 \$575

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

20th September, 1888.—At 4 p.m.

STATION	Barometer	Thermometer	Wind	Direction	Force	State of Sky	Remarks
Wanchow	29.84	57	W	1	0	1	1
Shanghai	29.84	57	W	1	0	1	1
Nagasaki	29.84	57	W	1	0	1	1
Amoy	29.84	57	W	1	0	1	1
Hongkong	29.84	57	W	1	0	1	1
Hainan	29.84	57	W	1	0	1	1
Manila	29.84	57	W	1	0	1	1

21st September, 1888.—At 10 a.m.

STATION	Barometer	Thermometer	Wind	Direction	Force	State of Sky	Remarks
Wanchow	29.84	57	W	1	0	1	1
Shanghai	29.84	57	W	1	0	1	1
Nagasaki	29.84	57	W	1	0	1	1
Amoy	29.84	57	W	1	0	1	1
Hongkong	29.84	57	W	1	0	1	1
Hainan	29.84	57	W	1	0	1	1
Manila	29.84	57	W	1	0	1	1

The barometer has risen in the north and fallen in the south. Clouds are slight. Clear, hot, and dry weather prevailing.

1.—Barometer reduced to level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths. 2.—Temperature in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit. 3.—Humidity the percentage of saturation. 4.—Direction of wind to two points. 5.—Force of the wind according to Beaufort scale. 6.—State of the weather. 7.—Rain in inches. 8.—Direction of surface and trade winds. 9.—Fog, or Glaze, or Rain, or Lightning, or Sleet, or Drizzle, or Snow, or Squall, or Gale, or Storm, or Hurricane, or Typhoon, or other weather. 10.—Remarks.

Hongkong Observatory, 21st September, 1888.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. Falconer & Co's Register).	Today.
Barometer—5 a.m.	29.97
Barometer—11 a.m.	29.92
Barometer—4 p.m.	29.90
Thermometer—5 a.m.	57
Thermometer—11 a.m.	62
Thermometer—4 p.m.	65
Thermometer—5 a.m. (Wet bulb)	55
Thermometer—11 a.m. (Wet bulb)	60
Thermometer—4 p.m. (Wet bulb)	63
Thermometer—5 a.m. (Over night)	55

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
 The P. M. S. S. Co's steamer *City of Sydney*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 30th ultimo, left Yokohama for this port on the 20th instant, and may be expected here on or about Wednesday the 24th.

THE CANADIAN MAILS.

The Canadian Pacific steamer *Abyssinia*, with the next Canadian mail, left Vancouver for Yokohama and this port on the 28th August.
 The Canadian Pacific steamer *Albany*, with the Canadian mail, left Vancouver for Yokohama and this port on the 14th September.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The 'Glen' line steamer *Glenlogie*, from London, left Singapore on the 18th instant, and is expected here on the 24th.
 The 'Union' line steamer *Euphrates*, from London, left Singapore on the 19th instant, and may be expected to arrive here on the 25th.
 The Ocean Steamship Co's steamer *Prometheus*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 19th instant, and is due here on the 25th.
 The 'Shire' line steamer *Glamorganshire*, from London, left Singapore on the 20th instant, and is expected here on the 26th.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

ALWINE, German steamer, 400, Samuelsen, 21st Sept.—Pakhoi 18th September, and Hoihow 20th, General.—Wieler & Co.
 CICERO, British steamer, 1,060, A. George, 21st Sept.—Sourabaya 11th September, Oil, Sugar, and Iron.—Tung Kee & Co.
 PERKINS, German steamer, 958, G. Heuermann, 21st Sept.—Shanghai 18th Sept, General.—Siemssen & Co.
 C. C. Chapman, American ship, for New York.
 'Escort', American bark, for Honolulu.
 'Devaungse', British steamer, for Bangkok.
 'Alpine', German steamer, for Amoy.
 'China', German steamer, for Nagasaki.

DEPARTURES.

September 21, *Tamui*, British steamer, for Tientsin.
 September 21, *Vorwarts*, German steamer, for Tientsin.
 September 21, *Albora*, British str., for Amoy.
 September 21, *Cheung Hye Ting*, British str., for Amoy.
 September 21, *Devaungse*, British steamer, for Bangkok.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per *Alpine*, str., from Pakhoi, &c.—12 Chinese.
 Per *Peking*, str., from Shanghai.—Mr. Danby, 3 Europeans and 46 Chinese (deck).
 Per *Cheung Hye Ting*, str., for Amoy.—10 Chinese.
 Per *Vorwarts*, str., for Tientsin.—10 Chinese.
 Per *Devaungse*, str., for Bangkok.—9 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per C. C. Chapman, ship, for New York.—1 European.
 Per *Escort*, bark, for Honolulu.—4 Europeans.
 Per *Alpine*, str., for Amoy.—100 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The German steamer *Peking* reports that she left Shanghai on the 18th instant. Had fine weather and southerly wind.
 The British steamer *Cicero* reports that she left Sourabaya on the 11th instant. Had very light airs and fine weather throughout.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Straits and Bombay.—Per *Bisagno*, to-morrow, the 22nd instant, at 11.30 A.M.
 For Shanghai.—Per *Amoy*, to-morrow, the 22nd instant, at 3.30 P.M.
 For Hongkong.—Per *Freije*, to-morrow, the 22nd instant, at 5.00 P.M.
 For Swatow, Amoy, & Foochow.—Per *Namoa*, on Sunday, the 23rd instant, at 8.30 A.M.
 For Amoy and Manila.—Per *Diamante*, on Monday, the 24th instant, at 3.30 P.M.
 For Straits and Bombay.—Per *Khiva*, on Tuesday, the 25th instant, at 11.30 A.M.
 For Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide.—Per *Guthrie*, on Tuesday, the 25th instant, at 3.30 P.M.
 For Europe, &c., India, via Colombo, and Calcutta.—Per *Malwa*, on Wednesday, the 26th instant, at 11.00 A.M.
 For Europe, &c., India, via Brunschwiler, on Wednesday, the 26th instant, at 5.00 P.M.
 For Europe, &c., Australia, Madras, Calcutta, and Mauritius.—Per *Melbourne*, on Thursday the 27th instant, at 11.00 A.M.
 For Yokohama, Honolulu, and San Francisco.—Per *Arabic*, on Thursday, the 28th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

AMOV, German steamer, 814, R. Kohler, 20th Sept.—Whampoa 20th Sept, General.—Siemssen & Co.
 ARABIC, British steamer, 4,368, W. M. Smith, 18th Sept.—San Francisco 21st August, Honolulu 28th, and Yokohama 13th Sept, Mails and General.—O. & S. S. Co.
 BISAGNO, Italian steamer, 1,490, A. Tognasso, 15th Sept.—Bombay 26th August, and Singapore 8th September, General.—Carlowitz & Co.
 CHINA, German steamer, 64, J. P. Ulderup, 16th Sept.—Sourabaya 5th Sept, Oil and Sugar.—Melchers & Co.
 DECIMA, German steamer, 955, P. Oestmann, 10th Sept.—Bangkok 21st Sept, Rice and Wood.—Siemssen & Co.
 DIAMANTE, British steamer, 514, Cobban, 20th Sept.—Manila 17th September, General.—Russell & Co.
 FAME, British steamer, 117, A. Stopani.—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.
 FREJE, Danish steamer, 397, C. A. Lund, 18th Sept.—Haliphong 16th Sept, General.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
 GUTHRIE, British steamer, 1700, H. Craig, 14th Sept.—Sydney 20th August, Townsville 20th, Cairns 21st, Cooktown 18th Sept, and Thursday Island 3rd, General.—Russell & Co.
 HANGCHOW, British steamer, 900, Outerbridge, 20th Sept.—Saigon 16th Sept, Rice and Rice Flour.—Butterfield & Swire.
 KHIVA, British steamer, 1,455, Crew, 9th Sept.—Bombay 23rd August, and Singapore 3rd Sept, General.—P. & O. S. S. Co.
 NAMOA, British steamer, 805, T. G. Pocock, 19th Sept.—Foochow 16th September, Amoy 17th, and Swatow 18th, General.—D. LaPraque & Co.
 PHRA CHOM KLAO, British steamer, 1,011, J. Fowler, 20th September.—Bangkok 13th Sept, General.—Yuen Fat Hong.
 PHOT-FISH, British steamer, 161, A. Stopani.—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.
 SEPTIMA, German steamer, 783, P. Hansen, 19th Sept.—Manila 15th September, Hemp and Sugar.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.
 STORE, NORDBISK, Danish steamer, 906, E. S. S. S. Co., 17th Sept.—Great Northern Telegraph Co.

HONGKONG—STEAMERS.

Continued.
 THIRDE, British steamer, 1,571, G. W. Atkinson, 15th Sept.—Bombay 29th August, and Singapore 8th Sept, General.—P. & O. S. S. Co.
 THYRA, German steamer, 664, E. Jacobson, 20th Sept.—Newchwang 14th Sept, Beans and General.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.
 WATTING, Chinese steamer, 336, C. Petersen, 18th Sept.—Keelung 14th Sept, Coal.—Russell & Co.

SAILING VESSELS.

ADOLPH, German bark, 867, E. Westergaard, 5th August.—Hamburg 19th April, General.—Order.
 ANNA BERTHA, German bark, 400, H. Nielsen, 9th Sept.—Keelung 28th August, Coals.—Order.
 AUGUSTA, German bark, 475, J. Jensen, 9th Sept.—Newchwang 5th August, Beans.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.
 COMET, German ship, 1,081, Kaupner, 17th July.—Cardiff 4th April, Coals.—Order.
 C. C. CHAPMAN, American ship, 1,600, A. J. Hichborn, 15th August.—Shanghai 16th July, General.—Pustau & Co.
 EHMA CROWELL, American bark, 1,086, Pendleton, 10th Sept.—Shanghai 29th August, General.—Russell & Co.
 ELLERRE, Chinese bark, 457, Opium Examination, bulk, Stonecutters' Island.—Chinese Customs.
 ESCORT, American bark, 636, R. G. Waterhouse, 15th July.—Hilo 3rd July, General.—Chinese.
 FRANCIS, American ship, 1,974, Geo. L. Bray, 10th Sept.—San Francisco 18th July, Ball.—Master.
 GOLAH, Siamese bark, 544, Chas. Simpson, 5th Sept.—Bangkok 22nd August, Wood.—Chinese.
 GREAT ADMIRAL, American ship, 1,497, James F. Rowell, 18th Sept.—San Francisco 28th July, Flour.—Russell & Co.
 HATTIE E. TAPLEY, British bark, 907, J. McCann, 5th Sept.—Sandakan 15th August, Timber.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
 HAI-CHEONG, British bark, 320, T. C. Thomson, 4th Sept.—Bangkok 12th August, Rice and General.—Kong Tong Tai.
 LAVERNE, British brigantine, 351, C. Rogers, 10th Sept.—Amoy 7th September, General.—Wieler & Co.
 LUCIA, British bark, 640, Wood, 5th August.—Freemantle (W. Australia) 11th July, Sanalwood.—Order.
 MONOVA, British ship, 1,492, H. Coming, 10th Sept.—Shanghai 29th August, Ballast.—Siemssen & Co.
 PENSHAW, British bark, 672, J. Mokay, 16th Sept.—Philippines 23rd August, Timber.—Lane, Crawford & Co.
 WM. H. CONNER, American ship, 1,423, Butman, 10th Sept.—Shanghai 28th August, General.—Pustau & Co.

Insurances.

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Hongkong, 29th June, 1888. [659]

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AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,000,000
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THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to accept RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

F. NAUDIN & Co.
 Office, No. 58, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 17th September, 1888. [922]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000. \$333,333.33
 EQUAL TO \$333,333.33
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
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MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES on all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST, Hongkong, 17th September, 1888. [858]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

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WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.
 HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, Hongkong, 1st February, 1888. [150]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
 CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a Statement of Business Contributed during the half-year ended 30th June, 1888, on or before the 30th instant, on which date the Accounts will be CLOSED. By Order of the Board of Directors, D. GILLIES, Secretary. Hongkong, 3rd September, 1888. [877]

STEAMERS EXPECTED IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.	FROM.	DATE DUE.	AGENTS.
Glenlogie	London	September 24th	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Abyssinia	Vancouver	September 25th	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Euphrates	London	September 25th	Russell & Co.
Prometheus	Liverpool	September 25th	Butterfield & Swire.
Glamorganshire	London	September 26th	Adamson, Bell & Co.
City of Sydney	San Francisco	September 26th	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.
Albany	Vancouver	October 11th	Adamson, Bell & Co.

STEAMERS LOADING IN HONGKONG.

DESTINATION.	VESSELS.	AGENTS.	DATE OF LEAVING.
London, &c., via Suez Canal	Malwa	P. & O. S. S. Co.	Sept. 26th, at noon.
London, via Suez Canal	Glenlogie	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About Sept. 24th.
London, via Suez Canal	D. rdanus	Butterfield & Swire.	To-morrow.
London and Hamburg	Cardiganshire	Adamson, Bell & Co.	About Sept. 28th.
Marseilles, via Saigon, &c.	Melbourne	Messageries Maritimes.	Sept. 27th, at noon.
Bremen, via Ports of Call.	Braunschweig	Melchers & Co.	Sept. 27th, at 10 a.m.
Genoa, via Bombay, &c.	Bisagno	Carlowitz & Co.	To-morrow, at noon.
San Francisco, via Panama	City of Sydney	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Oct. 6th, at 3 p.m.
San Francisco, via Panama	Arabia	O. & S. S. Co.	Sept. 27th, at 3 p.m.
Vancouver, B.C., via A. & C.	Abyssinia	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Oct. 4th, at 3 p.m.
Sydney, Melbourne, &c.	Guthrie	Russell & Co.	Sept. 25th, at 1 p.m.
Sydney and Melbourne	Tartar	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	About 6th Oct.
Straits and Bombay	Khiva	P. & O. S. S. Co.	Sept. 25th, at noon.
Saigon, Singapore, &c.	Almora	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About Sept. 28th.
Yokohama, via Nankai, &c.	Ancona	P. & O. S. S. Co.	About Sept. 28th.
Yokohama and Kobe	Aberdeen	Adamson, Bell & Co.	About Sept. 28th.
Nagasaki, Kobe, &c.	Glamorganshire	Adamson, Bell & Co.	September 27th.
Shanghai, Kobe, &c.	Yangtze	Messageries Maritimes	About Sept. 25th.
Shanghai	Hyades	P. & O. S. S. Co.	Quick despatch.
Shanghai	Amoy	Siemssen & Co.	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai, via Amoy	Prometheus	Butterfield & Swire.	September 27th.
Manila, via Amoy	Diamante	Russell & Co.	Sept. 24th, at 4 p.m.
Hainan	Freje	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	To-morrow, daylight.
Coast Ports	Namoa	Douglas LaPraik & Co.	Sept. 23rd, at 9 a.m.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS AND ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in this HARBOUR none of the COMPANY'S FOREMEN should be at hand, ORDERS FOR REPAIRS, if sent to the HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the event of complaints being found necessary, communication with the Undersigned is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES, Secretary.
 Hongkong, 21st August, 1888. [725]

THE HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Public are respectfully informed that the PEAK TRAMWAY was OPENED for Public Traffic on WEDNESDAY, the 30th May.

WEEK DAYS.
 The CARS RUN as follows between ST. JOHN'S PLACE and VICTORIA GAP—
 8 to 10 A.M. every quarter of an hour.
 12 to 2 P.M. " " half hour.
 4 to 8 " " quarter of an hour.
 Down Cars between 8 & 10 A.M. for 1st Class Passengers only.

SUNDAYS,
 1 past 12 to 1 past one every quarter of an hour, and from 4 to 8 P.M. every quarter of an hour.

Single Tickets are sold in the Cars: Five-Cent Coupons and Reduced Tickets at the Office of MACEWEN, FRICKEL & Co., General Managers.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, 50 & 52, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 17th August, 1888. [539]

CHS. J. GAUPP & CO., CHRONOMETER, WATCH, and CLOCK-MAKERS, JEWELLERS, SILVER-SMITHS, and OPTICIANS. CHAINS, KEYS, and BOOKS.

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